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SUBJ: DATA ON SPEED LIMIT/HIGHWAY FATALITIES

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1. WE RECEIVED STUDY BY INSTITUTE FOR ROAD SAFETY RESEARCH (SWOV) ON SUBJECT MATTER ENTITLED 10 YEARS OF TRAFFIC HAZARDS IN HOLLAND (IN DUTCH ONLY) WHICH WE WILL BE POUCHING TO EUR/NE FOR DOT.

2. FROM THIS STUDY WE CONCLUDE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO INDICATE HIGHWAY FATALITY RATE CHANGES DUE TO LOWER SPEED LIMITS. THERE ARE ALSO OTHER FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED SUCH AS HIGHER GASOLINE PRICES, INTRODUCTION OF ALCOHOL LAW, AND THE OBLIGATION TO WEAR CRASH HELMETS AND SAFETY BELTS. FOLLOWING ARE FIGURES ON TOTAL NUMBER OF FATAL ACCIDENTS AND NUMBER OF ROAD VICTIMS IN THE YEARS 1972, 1973, (AT THE END OF WHICH THERE WAS THE FUEL CRISES), 1974 AND 1975.

	FATAL ACCIDENTS	ROAD VICTIMS
1972	2,984	3,264
1973	2,802	3,092
1974	2,338	2,546
1975	2,135	2,360

3. SWOV SENT US OTHER REPORTS ON THIS MATTER WHICH WILL ALSO BE POUCHED TO EUR/NE FOR DOT. THESE ARE:

A. ENERGY CRISIS AND TRAFFIC SAFETY IN NOV. AND DEC. 1973 PLUS TABLES (IN DUTCH).

B. SPEED LIMITS OUTSIDE BUILT-UP AREAS (ENGLISH).

C. ANNUAL REPORT 1974. (ENGLISH).

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D. AIMS AND ACTIVITIES OF SWOV (ENGLISH).

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